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RuPaul has won an Emmy!



RuPaul won his first ever Emmy on Sunday night, in a victory for both the show and drag queens the world over. He's been snubbed year after year, but this year saw him take home the award for Best Reality Show Host. "Earlier this year I was quoted saying I'd rather have an enema than an Emmy," he said in his acceptance speech "But thanks to the Television Academy, this year I can have both!" Ha! Good for you, Ru!

12-year-old boy blocks anti gay marriage march in Mexico

In an image that has already become iconic, a boy brought an anti gay marriage march to a standstill by standing in the middle of the



road. Over 11,000 people marched across Mexico on Saturday, in protest of President Enrique Peña Nieto's proposal to legalize gay marriage. The boy

ran into the street and spread his arms to stop the protest. "I have an uncle who is gay!" he yelled "And I hate that people hate!" Amazing!

Transgender actor and activist Alexis Arquette dies aged 47



Famous for appearing in films like Pulp Fiction and The Wedding Singer, as well as being from a well-established Hollywood family with siblings David, Patricia and Rosanna, Alexis Arquette lived life on her own terms. She also died on her own terms. A statement from the family said "In the days leading to her death, she told us she was already visiting the other side, and that where she was going, there was only one gender. That on the other side, we are free from all of the things that separate us in this life, and that we are all one."

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Little indie dance club scores exclusive London DJ show for Black Eyed Peas member Taboo

Robot Rock, a tiny mixed sexuality indie dance club, has managed to secure not only Taboo of the Black Eyed Peas for the only London date of his DJ Show but have also managed to secure Colin Peters (Ibiza Rocks) and Shit Robot of DFA Records! It's gonna be a banger of a night. Who knows, Fergie might turn up! It's on Sunday 2nd October at an undisclosed location. We'll have more info in next week's issue, so watch this space!



**MARK AMES
PRESENTS**



**THE BIGGER BETTER
BOLDER BEARS CLUB**

XXL
17th SEPTEMBER
10PM - 7AM MEMBERS £8/GUESTS £15

XXL MID-WEEK SESSION

WEDNESDAYS 9PM - 3AM MEMBERS FREE / GUESTS £3
CAN'T WAIT FOR THE WEEKEND? GET YOUR XXL FIX AT THE MID WEEK BOOZE N' CRUISE SESSION

PULSE

No 1 INVICTA PLAZA, SOUTH BANK, LONDON SE1 TUBE: SOUTHWARK STATION

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XXL'S SIXTEEN

Our favourite hairy beary clubbing leviathans XXL turn sixteen next Saturday! SIXTEEN. What were YOU doing sixteen years ago? Dancing to Wannabe in front of the mirror with a hairbrush probably.

Anyway, the XXL boys were kicking off their night for bears and their friends, which has proven to be not too hot, not too cold, but JUST RIGHT (that was a Goldilocks & The Three Bears joke, in case you didn't get it – quite an eccentric reference, but we're mad here at QX!)

Their birthday celebrations this year feature superstar DJ Moto Blanco, and are based on cult 70s sci fi TV show, Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. Why? WHY NOT. We took XXL Head Bear Mark Ames aside to ask him all about it.



Hi Mark! So it's your sweet 16th! Have you made a wish?

That everyone comes and has an XXLcellent night out
Why is the theme Buck Rodgers? Like, it's amazing obviously, but why?

Well, I was going to call it FUCK ROGERS but that would be rude! But Buck was on when I was sixteen and he was very shaggable.

What's been your favourite XXL moment over the last 16 years?

I have to admit, the early years of XXL for me were the most exciting and dramatic. I'll never forget the opening night at the old venue. It may have only been attended by five hundred guys, but they were all bears, all was very horned up, and all ready to party. Things happened on that night I could not put in print. But I'll tell you this: someone came up to me and said "I love the show". I said "what show?" and he pointed to the main dancefloor, where thirty or forty naked guys were dancing on two platforms! I'll leave the rest to your imagination. Then again, every other party has made an impression in my grey matter, but I don't live in the past, I look to the future. And I believe XXL's best party has yet to come!

So, what's been the WORST party?

I don't think there's been a party in sixteen years that's been bad, but the period when we were raided nine times in one month was a real downer (but the support from customers was amazing). I've nearly been closed down or spent time in a police cell over the club, but it seems that's part of being in the clubbing industry these days. Despite that, I'd do it all again regardless. I opened XXL just as it was needed and will keep it open until it's not. XXL is more than just a night out; it's a way of life. A statement to all that no matter what size, shape, creed, race or religion, as long as you're bear-friendly, you'll be welcome!

16TH BIRTHDAY

What's going on the XXL birthday buffet this year? Are there going to be mini quiches?

Well our theme is the future so, after watching some Buck Rogers, it seems they eat pre-moulded jellies. Well, jelly with a twist maybe...jelly vodka!

What celebrity would be your dream party guest?

Over the years I've had loads of celebs and high calibre guests in, but I'd sooner have a happy bear or chaser any day. XXL is not really about VIP status. I'd sooner have a VIB (Very Impressive Bear) in than a VIP!

And what would be your dream gift?

I'm not really the type that dreams of things and then waits for a gift! See I dreamt of XXL and then made it happen! I think that's a gift enough, as I believe life is the best gift any of us are given, so go out and make your dreams reality by living them!

What are you going to drink? We're going to have lots of vodka cokes.

I really don't drink at work, but maybe I'll pop a bottle or two and party like it's my birthday!!

Sum up XXL in three words.
FUR, FUN & FUNKY

How was XXL different when it started up 16 years ago?

It was far more like a family or tribe. We all knew each other, and it was seen as a fringe of the fetish scene, and I guess we were. But with XXL, bears and older guys grew a confidence that started to get noticed by the scene in general. I remember coming into the QX offices before opening the club, saying I was opening a club for bigger, older guys, and the looks on the editors and staff's faces summed up how people felt about gays over thirty years and thirty-two inch waists. Someone even sarcastically said "do fat people dance?!" and I said "no they wobble."

But proof is in the pudding – that person's gone and XXL's still here and is still BIGGER, BETTER, BOLDER than ever!

FUR,
FUN &
FUNKY



XXL's 16th Birthday is on Saturday 24th September at Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza, South Bank, SE1 9UF. 9pm – 8am. £8 members, £15 guests.

MARK AMES
PRESENTS

MAIN ROOM:
PAUL MORRELL
MOTO BLANCO
ALEX LOGAN

FUR ROOM:
JOE EGG
DAVID ROBSON



XXL 16th BIRTHDAY
24th SEPTEMBER

9PM - 8AM MEMBERS £8/GUESTS £15

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QX are here to help!

God knows, we all need help at the moment don't we. Life is DIFFICULT. We need help with our stressful jobs, our insanely high rent, our insanely volatile city. Sometimes we just need help opening the fridge! It can be hard sometimes. You know when pressure builds up behind the door and you can't open it and it's two in the morning and all you want is a piece of honey roasted wafer-thin ham. It's JUST. NOT. FAIR.

Well, in these stressful post-Brexit, pre-Trump times, QX Magazine is here to help. For a start, we encourage drinking (responsibly) which, let's be honest, is a help to everyone. We love a drink. We might have one right now actually. But sometimes, believe it or not, a drink is not enough. So we've compiled a list of the city's best help services for gay men. They all offer services that will guide and assist you spiritually, mentally, or physically, to live a more fulfilled, calm and happy life.



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Sexuality, addiction, anxiety, depression and relationships are the most common issues discussed in therapy. We spoke to the man behind it, Stephen.

"I work with gay men of all ages and backgrounds and have seen a rise in vulnerable young people coming with issues around chemsex and homelessness," he said "Addiction to sex, drugs and alcohol are becoming increasingly commonplace. It's also affecting professional gay men in well paid jobs, struggling with career and relationship pressures, that encourage them to escape into chaotic, addictive behaviour patterns that ultimately lead to a loss of self esteem and confidence."

"People can be apprehensive if they've never spoken with a therapist before, so I offer a free initial session to enable us to get to know one another, I describe how I work and give clients the opportunity to talk about any issues affecting their lives in a relaxed, non-judgemental environment."

If this sounds like it's up your street, head to lgbtplus.co.uk



Freedom Shop

Freedom Shop sell all sorts of products geared to help gay and bisexual men with their sex lives, including the best lube, condoms and more! Most importantly though, they sell revolutionary home HIV testing kits. If for whatever reason you don't fancy going into a clinic, you can order an HIV test kit to do yourself in the privacy of your own home. freedom-shop.com



Positive East

Positive East offers a range of services to HIV+ guys. They've got a team of experts who offer everything from counselling, for those struggling mentally with their condition, to complimentary health therapies to help you live healthily with HIV. Call 020 7791 2855 for more info, or visit positiveeast.org.uk





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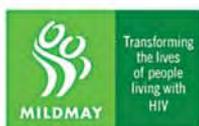
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The Terrence Higgins Trust

The Terrence Higgins Trust are one of Europe's largest and best-established HIV and AIDs charities. We've worked with them loads here at QX, and we can attest to the fact that they're a lovely bunch of people who truly care about their cause. Established in 1982, THT offers a wide range of support service to people living with HIV, and also educates people on HIV and AIDs. They have three main focuses; Long Term Condition Management focuses on people continuing to live healthily

with HIV and work well with their condition; Health Improvement, which works with high risk communities to promote better sexual health; and Clinical Services, which offers testing for HIV and a range of other STI services. For more info on the Terrence Higgins Trust, to find out how you can get help, or to volunteer, head to tht.org.uk



Switchboard

Known to many for years as "The London Lesbian & Gay Switchboard", one of the oldest LGBT charities in the UK has recently rebranded to become more inclusive. Now just known as "Switchboard", it's an LGBT+ helpline that provides help, advice or even just calm words for those who need to hear

them most. It was founded in 1974, and operated from a tiny room above a bookshop near King's Cross. It experienced immediate, huge demand, and had to become a twenty-four-hour service. In the 70's they helped people coming out after the recent decriminalisation of homosexuality in 1967 (yes, it was THAT RECENTLY). The 80s and early 90s were of course focused on the AIDs crisis, while in the 21st century, they now address all sorts of issues, from people feeling isolated, to people struggling with drug addiction. If you need someone to talk to, give them a call on 0300 330 0630

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56 Dean Street

Now, we're going to assume you've ALL heard of 56 Dean Street. We all know the walls of that waiting room don't we. But if you haven't...it's one of London's most well-regarded sexual health clinics,

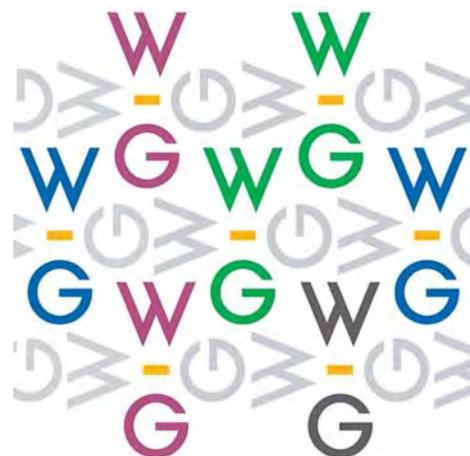
catering especially for gay men. They offer the full range of services; rapid HIV testing, PEP, safer sex advice and counselling, and treatments for common STIs like Gonorrhoea and Chlamydia. They're open 8am - 7pm on Monday and Tuesday, Midday - 7pm on Wednesdays, 8am - 7pm on Thursdays, 9am - 4pm on Fridays, and 11am - 4pm on Saturdays. To book an appointment, call 020 3315 6699.

The Living Well Dramatherapy Program

Drama AND therapy! That sounds like the stereotypical gay man's wet dream doesn't it! But there is reason behind it. Not-for-profit health services enterprise Living Well is running a new six-week course, which helps you through therapy via the medium of performance arts.

Each week deals with a different theme and issue, and it's all very interesting stuff. Week one is "Interpretation", looking at introspective issues like self-awareness and self-esteem. Week two, "Vision", looks at things like how you would describe yourself as a person. So self-perception. Week three moves on to "Qualities". What qualities do you possess? Week four is "Obstacles". What's standing in your way? Week five, "Resolutions", addresses how you could resolve internal conflicts. While week six, "Actions" wraps things up by thinking about what you can do to solve all these problems.

It's a refreshingly unique way of looking at mental health, and hopefully you can make friends and have fun while doing it. For more info, go to livingwellcic.com



Wesley Gryk Solicitors

Wesley Gryk are a group of moral, socially aware solicitors. Who'd have thought THAT existed. But seriously, they're great. They mainly focus on potential financial and legal issues relating to same sex couples, like perhaps same sex adoption or civil partnerships. They also assist immigrants and asylum seekers in getting the rights they're entitled to. If you think their services could be of use to you, go to gryklaw.com, or phone them on 020 7401 6887.



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Friday 16th September

Douche Bag

DOUCHEBAG

Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB. 9pm – 3am. Free before 11pm, £5 after.

Unscrew your showerheads and pull down your pants, because Dalston is getting DOUCHE! Yes, Douche Bag is coming to Dalston Superstore for a fagsynth flushout! It's all your fave altipop and electro clash. Ya got yer Peaches. Ya got yer Zara Larsson. Ya got yer Jessie Ware. And a bit of Lana Del Rey for when you're feeling vague. And if you're feeling vogue, they'll play En Vogue. Or maybe Vogue by Madonna. Anyway, it'll be bangin', courtesy of DJs **Laurence Del Rey, Mikey XCX** and **Heidi Heelz**. We love the sound of all this actually. It's "very us".



Friday 16th September

Beefmince

It's beefy! It's mincey! It's Beefmince! All the best dishes have mince in. Bolognese. Shepherds pie. Mince pie. Unless you're vegetarian, in which case you can have Quorn mince. And mince pies are vegetarian anyway, actually. WE DIGRESS. Beefmince is a relatively new but sparkingly successful night for big beefy blokes and their pals. It's descending on the Royal Vauxhall Tavern this Friday for an unadulterated night of salty meatiness! With DJs **Silverhook** and **Cactushead**.

BEEFMINCE

The Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. 10pm – 4am. £5.



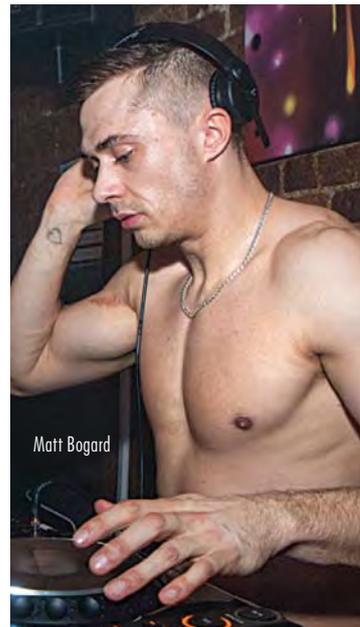
Friday 16th September

BANG Fashion Week

BANG

Rolling Stock, 48 Kingsland Road, E2 8DN. 10pm – 3am. £10 entry.

It's fashion week dahlings! Alexa Chung's dusting off her Peter Pan collar and Cara Delevingne's set a reminder on her phone to buy some extra 5-Htp next time she goes to Holland & Barratt. And trend-setting partystarters BANG are throwing a fashion week bash! Everyone will be there, everyone. It starts approximately one hour after RCA graduate Alice Archer's hotly anticipated show, which no doubt will be just down the road. The perfect nightclub to spill into after some fashun. Innit. With DJs **Louis Chatten, Matt Bogard & Zach Burns**, with heinously hot hosts **Alexander Han, Mitch Marion** and **Conan James**.



Matt Bogard



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Friday 16th September

A:M

Friday night/Saturday morning clubbing experience A:M lasts for TWELVE HOURS! You could fly to China in that time! Or watch all the Harry Potter movies. Or go from Peckham to London Bridge on Southern Rail! Instead, spend twelve hours at A:M, one of the most frenetic, hedonistic club nights around! We're all about frenetic hedonism here at QX. Loves it.



A:M

Protocol, 6A South Lambeth Road, SW8 1SP.
11pm – 11am. £4 before 1am with ad/conc/guestlist.
£8 thereafter until 6am.



Saturday 17th September

XXL

Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza, SE1 9UF. 10pm – 7am.
£8 for members,
£15 non-members.

XXL means extra, extra large! And that's certainly an accurate description of weekly clubbing leviathans XXL. Every Saturday night they descend on a cavernous venue by the Thames for their unique brand of hairy beary goodness. Their dancefloors are cavernous, their bars are seemingly limitless, and their speakers are BLASTING. They've got lovely lazer lights too. It's always a high energy, unforgettable night!

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Saturday 17th September

Papa Army Of Love

"Daddy" seems to be the mot du jour at the moment doesn't it. EVERYONE loves a daddy! People have even started calling Justin Bieber "daddy". Ridiculous. It's sort of become a synonym for sexy. Anyway, at Orange Nation's camo-clad extravaganza this Saturday, there'll actually be PROPER daddies. Furry-chested adonises who'll make you eat your own underwear. OOF. Papa is the brainchild of **Eliad Cohen**, who's way too sexy to be a real person. They're taking over Fire with the hottest beats, booze and boys. And in room two, it's urban dance party, Dirty Disko!

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Saturday 17th September

Debbie

You know the drill with DEBBIE by now! Inspired by Blondie's Debbie Harry, it's all about female-fronted pop, rock and disco. No male vocals allowed! And thank god! We're so sick of hearing Justin Bieber and Zayn's whiney falsettos all over everything. That's not to say we wouldn't let them sit on our faces. But that's another story. Anyway, just SOME of the totes major female pop you'll be hearing at Debbie are: Grace Jones, Cyndi Lauper, Grimes, Girls Aloud, Garbage...the list goes on. All amazing, and all for your listening and dancing pleasure, courtesy of DJs **Sina Sparrow** and **Bitchcakes**. The vibe is queer and camp, and disco and fun, so put on a sequin crop top and get into it.

Debbie

71 Shacklewell Lane, E8 2EB.
 11pm – 3am.
 £5 entry.

Saturday 24th September

Raf Daddy's Ladies Night

LADIES' NIGHT

East Bloc, 217 City Road,
 EC1V 1JN. 11pm – 6am.
 £5 before 12, £10 after.

Raf Daddy is one half of DJ duo The 2 Bears! Yes! They've toured all over the world, from Paris to Berlin (see what we did there?) Anyway, now Raf has decided to throw an absolute banger of a night at popular East London clubbing hotspot, East Bloc! It's called Ladies' Night, but it's for everyone. As well as his internationally renowned disc-spinning skills, he's drafted in other experts, including **Zezi Ifore**, **Cherrie Flava**, **Opal People** and **Party Nails**.

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XXL
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Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza,
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Words by Jamie Domingo
Photos by Joel Ryder



Why do you always do this to us XXL? We have too much fun, then all we're capable of doing on the Sunday is eating crisps and binge-watching Stranger Things on Netflix (crispy bacon flavour Kettle Chips to be precise, gorgeous!) Anyway it was all worth it, because XXL was a hoot as always! We met a nice bear called Fernando. Don't call my name, don't call my name, Fernando! He said he was from Turin, but we drunkenly insisted that he was from The Isle of Fernando off of Take Me Out. Bet he loved that. Anyway, well done XXL, another smashing Saturday! You might have gathered it's their birthday Saturday 24th, so get down there!





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smashing
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A:M

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09/09/16
6 South Lambeth Place,
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Words by Nicolas Chinardet
Photos by Zefrografica



When we arrived at A:M, the arches of Protocol in Vauxhall were already steadily feeling up with all kinds of hedonistic reprobates willing and ready to dance the night away until possibly the late Saturday morning. Over nearly 15 years, A:M has successfully built a swelling following of faithfuls ready to come and worship at its nocturnal altar of musical debauchery. The officiating priests for this week's bacchanal, overseen by the lovely Louise Port, included Nik Denton, Richard Jones, Yvette Lindquist or D'Johnny, who lavished their ministrations as generously as ever. They gave their all to lift to the aural paroxysms they demanded the mixed crowd of party animals in attendance - from gym bunnies to straight girls on a night out in the tiles, or even a crew of actors from the nearby Above the Stag theatre having a post-show knees-up. This den of pleasurable iniquity really is a must to start the clubbing weekend on a high.



"A must to start
the clubbing
weekend."

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Before I begin, I moustache you

a question- do you like handsome moustachioed Papis? Because Dalston Stache-Store was the place to get your latino daddy desires groomed! Artist Barcelona spectacular Chicletol opened up the house in the bassment with help from Tafkanik and Carly Fox. Mousewhile, upstairs Attack Attack Attack, Ted Rogers and Pavline were turning up the indie dance alternative with beard straightening effectiveness! If you were standing upstairs at the right time you might have been lucky enough to get splashed with blue goo to the sound of a drum being played by lip synch superstar Electra Fantasy - she went full pig to Gaga's swine and caused a fabulous mess. All of this played out to the sultry visuals of short film "Moustache Ride" which tickled our pickles in the just the right way! Next time Homostash is on, don't stay stached away, come out to play!



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QX MEETS GAGA!

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Well, well, well. Look who we bumped into at the weekend! We were at Metropolis, at Jodie Harsh's new night Dollar Baby, minding our own business, when a maelstrom of paparazzi abseiled down into the smoking area as international pop icon Stefani Germanotta arrived hand-in-hand with international wig icon Jodie Harsh! Luckily we put our drinks down for long enough to get this snap of them, looking like mysterious creatures of the night. And we don't put our drinks down for just anyone! Gaga was in London doing a whirlwind of surprise promotion for her new single Perfect Illusion. Apparently she did a surprise gig in Adam Perchard's living room! (That's a lie). Anyway, she had a blast at Dollar Baby; she was there for hours, chatted to hordes of adoring homosexuals, and hit the stripper poles like she was, well, Lady Gaga on a night out. What's becoming of London these days? You can't swing a CSM tote without knocking over a gay icon.



Dollar Baby is every Friday at Metropolis Gentlemen's Club, 234 Cambridge Heath Road, E2 9NN. 10pm - 5am.

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P.R Manager at KU, Nieko Strobel on the return of Gaga!

Three years since her last official pop release, 'Perfect Illusion', Lady Gaga's first single of her up-coming – yet unnamed 5th album – has hit number 1 on itunes in over 60 countries, caused critical controversy, sees a complete change in vocal direction for her, and had her surprise the gays of East London's Metropolis, with an actual appearance AND performance (I'm still killing myself for not being there, having decided to have an 'early night' – never again.) Basically, she's back being the Gaga we love, and back with a vengeance.

Basically, me and Gaga (well, me and her songs) have quite the past. The 'Just Dance' era made my 17-year-old, theatrical student self feel like being dramatic and confident was acceptable. 'Dance In The Dark' and 'Bad Romance' taught me I could give in to that inner darkness, and made me accept there's dark within us all; we just need to rock it. Then 'Born This Way'... made me who I am. It's literally tattooed on me. This album, with songs like "Marry The Night" and "Born This Way", did one thing; tell everyone to be who the fuck they are. The lyrics of 'Hair' - 'mum and dad why can't I be who I wanna be? I just wanna be myself, why can't you love me for who I am?' - helped 18-year-old me leave home to join the gay scene.

Her music to me says, follow your dreams. Fuck social expectations. Fuck society's norms. YOU are who you are. Gaga has helped me (and a whole lotta other people) come out, find confidence, be courageous, or simply find themselves.

'Perfect Illusion': a rock goddess talking about ecstasy. That is what this song is about: 'The feeling of ecstasy'. On the surface; love. Beneath the surface; everything. We don't know if the song was born from Gaga's break-up with supposed-to-be beau Taylor Kinney, but it wrenches heart strings and connects with our feelings: of something we may have thought of as our EVERYTHING, but soon realised it was not – and feeling liberation through that ecstasy come-down.

Basically: 'I fucked everything up, but I'm better for it'.

"Perfect Illusion" brings back the dance beat addictions of 'Just Dance', with the shower-singing of 'Do What U Want', and the 80's heavy metal CHIC of the whole "Born This Way" album. It's back

to floor-filling and stadium cheering pop. It's unlike anything we've heard from her, yet simultaneously, it's like EVERYTHING we've heard from her.

Yup, she's back. And why am I and all monsters so excited by 'Perfect Illusion'? It's not just about the single, it's not just about having Gaga in the charts; it's about having a global superstar with the values of encouraging self-confidence, bravery, recovery, love, and most of all... acceptance; using the power of their voice to help us all. Whether you like her or not – her music, her lyrics, her belief in humanity and her support of the LGBT community can do nothing but help make the world a better, and more understanding, place. Paws UP, EVERYONE, because we were ALL 'Born This Way', and Mother Monster is back to remind us of it.



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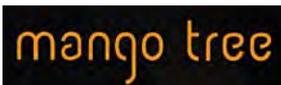
Every year, a beautiful restaurant on the fringes of Buckingham Palace Gardens, combines our two favourite things – crossdressing and Thai food! What's better than that?! It's a universally acknowledged fact, that Thai green curry is the best dish in the universe. And crossdressing, well, we don't need to sell that one to you do we.

Yes, they'll be throwing a beauty pageant for the city's most glamorous gender-defiers. Legs for days while you drink your lime cocktail! Goong pad realness, serving shrimp on a platter! YAAAS *SNAPS FINGERS*

They're going all out, transforming Mango Tree into a sequin-spattered extravaganza for one night only. There'll be a celebrity judging panel, a sparkling host for the evening, and a guest DJ, as well as all sorts of other culinary and sensory delights. Perhaps most importantly, delicious canapés all night! We LOVE a canapé! If we see "canapé" on the menu, we're THERE.

It promises to be a mouthwateringly fierce night. This is what's so amazing about London! Where else would there be a drag pageant in a Thai restaurant?! Well, Thailand probably.

Miss Ladyboy is at Mango Tree on Sunday 25th September.
46 Grosvenor Place, SW1X 7EQ.
7pm – late. Adv tickets £20, £25 on the door.



BANG

FASHION WEEK

After a brief flirtation with the BRÜT arches at the end of August, BANG are back at Shoreditch hotspot Rolling Stock this Friday (16th).



BANG parties are always a unique contradiction of muscled Vauxhall sexiness and cool East-End nonchalance. Think bare-chested, but with a knowing eyebrow raised. This one will be no different, especially as it's to celebrate London Fashion Week. Fashionistas famously love to party. Perhaps you'll see David Gandy swinging his shirt gleefully over his head on the dance floor. Maybe Karl Lagerfeld will clumsily lean over and break up your flirting sesh with one of his Chanel models so he can borrow your light in the smoking area. Or Anna Wintour could exclaim loudly in the queue how ugly your shoes are.

All very much DISTINCT possibilities. What's certain to happen, however, is DJs Louis Chatten, Matt Bogard and Zach Burns will be bringing you their Autumn/ Winter 2016 range of dance floor beats (rumour has it that hard-hitting House is back in vogue this season) to stir up your inner cover girl and put the bass in your walk. So, sashay up the Kingsland catwalk and take your seat on the front row to witness one of East London's coolest and most unpredictable club nights. BANGIN'.



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London's premier Latino LGBT club have been serving passionate, hot-blooded rhythms since 1996, which, by way of comparison, is a couple of years before Enrique Iglesias caught the world's attention with 'Bailamos'. You know, 'BAILAMOS, LET THE RHYTHM TAKE YOU OVER!'. Yeah, that one. From inauspicious beginnings in a bingo hall on the Latimer Road to its current booming home on Frith Street, they have reached Elizabeth II-esque levels of longevity on London's gay scene.

To celebrate this laudable landmark, they are hosting a special Great Gatsby-themed party this Saturday (17th), in what will almost certainly be a far more salubrious occasion than whatever it was you did on the night of your 20th birthday. They're promising champagne, live bands, and special guest DJs, as well as founder (and Resident) DJG, to keep you partying like it's the summer of 1922.

So slick your hair dashingly over to the side, dig out your feathers and sequins, or just stare melancholically out of the window with a mint julep in your grasp as you mull over the one that got away, because this is going to be one of those nights. All are welcome. Here's hoping that they'll be around for another 20 years of sexy, Spanish partying!



Exilio's Great Gatsby-themed 20th Birthday Party is on Saturday 17th September at Exilio, 23 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 4RR, Tickets £15 on door, £13 advance from www.exilio.co.uk

Tay Arin

Lady Olé's Blonde Ambition

Who's that girl? It's Lady Olé! Lady Olé are some of London's most bizarre, fabulous partystarters. They're unique, amazing and a LITTLE bit unhinged. But all the best parties are born from being a little bit unhinged. Where would we be without sprinkles of insanity? QX Magazine certainly wouldn't exist, that's for blimmin' sure!

Lady Olé are, essentially, a queer club night celebrating Spanglish or, if you like, Britespanish culture! The fabulous fusion between us and our clarion continental friends. We're two nations closely linked by our love of cold meats, drinking and Shakira.

This is Lady Olé's third venture in London and, for no discernible reason, they've decided to theme this party around Madonna and queen of Spanish pop, Marta Sanchez! In fact, it's Madonna vs Marta and you have to pick a side! The requirements are all very specific. First, choose your artist (Madonna or Marta, obv's). Then, choose a period (80s, 90s or 00s). Choose an iconic song and look for its video. Finally, BECOME YOUR CHOSEN ARTIST. Which we're guessing means, emulate their moves and stuff, and they've got special guest DJ Tay Arin. Ace!

As well as all THAT, they've got an appearance from dance troupe, The Five Madonnas! And you can just imagine what THEY'LL be like. Here's a quote from them:

"Expect fights, falls and fireworks as the Madonna-off begins. Dust off your pointy bras, polish your wigs and prepare for a journey through the Material Girl's best moments. Like a Virgin? You won't be after this performance."

Well that all sounds promising doesn't it! Head up to Archway and strap in. Ours is a sangría.



THE FIVE MADONNAS



Lady Olé is on Saturday 24th September at The Archway Tavern, 1 Archway Close, N19 3TD. 10pm - 4am.

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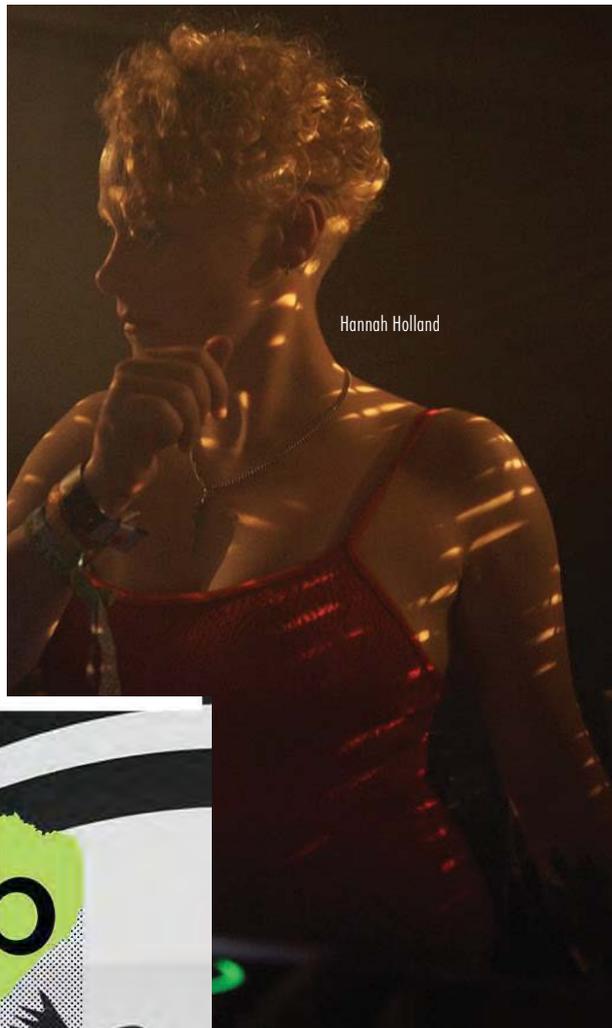
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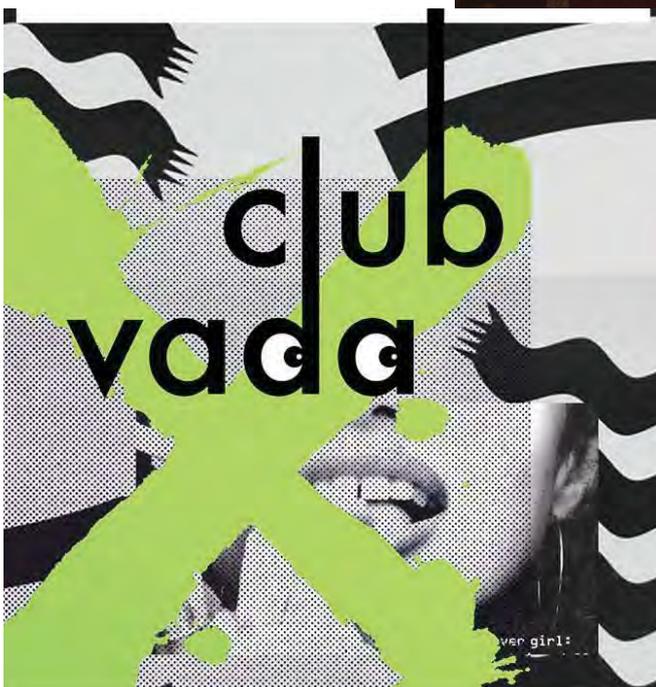
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Dalston Superstore are pioneers of deliciously debauched, shimmeringly fresh club night concepts. They make Studio 54 look like Chicken Cottage. Whether it's handbag house or twink techno, they're leaders in their field when it comes to crazy cool queer content.

Next weekend, Cathal and Hannah Holland introduce a new bi-monthly party, Club Vada! The word vada, is the name of an Indian dish of deep friend pulses. Ignore that though, it's irrelevant. Delicious, but irrelevant. No, the more significant meaning of the word vada, is that it was a word in gay polari slang for "look" or "see" or, as Wendy Williams would say "how YOU doin'?" So, if a hot guy went past, you'd turn to your friend and say "ooh, vada her!" Nowadays, because we're all arrogantly, unabashedly open, we just say "ooh he's well fit!" Much to the chagrin of depressed girlfriends of insanely hot straight men the world over.

It's a great name for a club night, because it implies sexy subversiveness, which, by the sounds of it, is exactly what Club Vada entails. Their premier night on 24th September entails a FIVE HOUR SET from Hannah Holland. She's our favourite celestrian DJ, and her trademark electrohouse beats turn heads and call you hypnotically into the night.

She'll be downstairs in the dance basement. Upstairs, DJ and multimedia artist will be holding court along with Jonjo Jury and Elles, as well as Max Allen lending his wizard cuffed chicery to proceedings.

It's gonna be unique, it's gonna be exciting, it's gonna be LIT. So get down and 'av a vada!

Club Vada is on Saturday 24th September at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB. 9pm – 3am. £6 entry.

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The Soho stalwart gives you the best of both worlds: a laid-back and elegant environment that is part country home and part old-fashioned boozier, but also DJs bringing you fresh cuts of house rarely heard outside of the city's clubs. Playing straight outta Comptons this week is Matt Bogard on Friday 16th, Lee Harris on Saturday 17th, as well as Tasty Tim in his long-running Thursday night slot.



Mandy Gap

West 5

Popes Lane, South Ealing, W5 4ANT

West 5 has many famous fans. For example, if you listen closely, you'll hear that Marvin Gaye is actually singing 'when I get that feeling, I want sexual EALING'. And obviously what he meant by that was that he was desperate to go to W5 to get it on. Can you blame him? They've got ace cabaret and DJs at the weekend, with Mandy Gap and DJ Steffy on 16th and double-act Topping and Butch and Silver Summers on the 17th.



The Light Lounge

1 Newport Place, Soho, WC2H 7JR

Are there four words more pleasing to the gay's ear than 'two for one cocktails'? Actually, don't answer that. Anyway, it's 2-4-1 on selected cocktails all Tuesday at the irrepressibly chic Light Lounge, as well as a menu full of other inventive concoctions. Take a friend, gossip, laugh exaggeratedly loud, roll your eyes, wave your cocktail dismissively. Imagine you're playing the lead in the film of your life. The Light Lounge is exactly the sort of glam nightspot you'd want to film it at.



Cassidy Connors

The Old Ship

Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW

Get your filling of seamen at The Old Ship this week! God, they must be sick of that joke. It's not even a REAL ship and sailors don't tend to congregate in Limehouse. NEVERTHELESS, you should still jump aboard this east end fave, as there's a tonne going on. A satisfyingly wide range of drinks, some outdoors seating to help you savour the last rays of summer, and cabaret on Sundays and every other Saturday (catch Cassidy Connors and her belting singing this Sunday). Also, a pool table. If that floats your SHIP.



Back Counter

Arch 50, 7-11 South Lambeth Place, Vauxhall, SW8 1SP

The Vauxhall diet used to consist solely of chewing gum and Nando's. However, the Vauxhall Arches Counter is here to add a cosmopolitan edge to the debauchery that resides in SE11. As well as the restaurant (which is currently offering an American-themed menu until September 28th – 3 courses and an aperitif for £27.50), the Back Counter bar is tucked in the back like a drag queen's pecker. There's a variety of daring cocktails. Why not try the Pink Twink? AND THEN ORDER A DRINK.

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This Saturday I was invited down to that multi-storied, multi-faceted, multi-sexual tower of cool in Chinatown known as Ku Bar Lisle Street! I sashayed to the main bar where DJ Kerol Garcia was serving pop studded sounds, the Ku Boys were serving dream-hunk realness and the crowd was serving up Perfect Illusion mania! As the clock struck 12 the main bar closed and a transformation occurred as we came to the final stop on the Ku-Coster- that's right- Ku Klub! The sexiest bassment discotheque in all of Soho had become suddenly crammed with queer cuties dancing to the tribal house talents of DJ Duo Rodrigo Tancredi and Aamyko. The Ku vibe is perfect cos whatever part of your evening you're at, whether it's pre-party chill, the drink and dance, or the rave to Ri-ri remixes, Ku have you covered!



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Words by Nicolas Chinardet
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Having barely recovered from last weekend's shenanigans - a fabulous party including no fewer than 12 acts, which raised over £1000 for the Albert Kennedy Trust - Jon, the kindly landlord of the Old Ship in Limehouse, was up to his old tricks again this Sunday with the usual cabaret night. Mandy Gap, all way from Costa del Battersea, was the star of the night, easily entertaining us with good humored banter and impeccable renditions of famous ditties chosen from her wide repertoire spanning the works of such varied luminaries as Leonard Cohen (Alleluia) and Kylie (All the Lovers). DJ Jason Prince was at hand to host the proceedings and dish out the cheesiest tunes available to the delight of the assembled company. And because the place feels very much like a family (of the logical, if not biological kind), Barry, a member of staff, was celebrated on his birthday and even received presents from some regulars. We strongly suggest you get yourselves to Limehouse next Sunday for a taste of this warmest of East End welcomes.



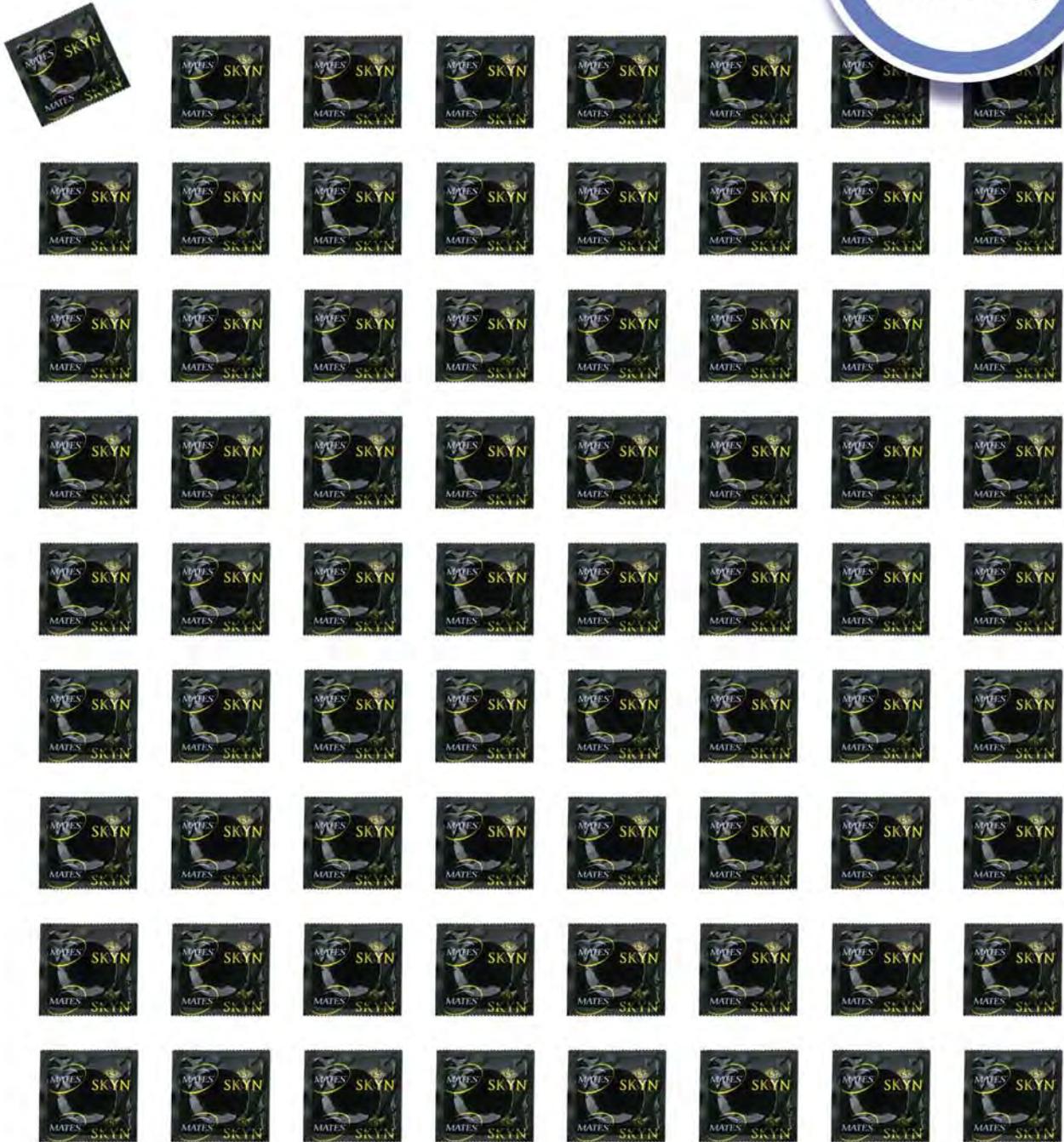
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The programme for the LGBT selection has been released and contains 11 challenging submissions from countries as far afield as Japan, Czech Republic and Latin America, many of which are European premieres. The films cover a similarly eclectic range of genres, from gritty, introspective stories to queer period drama, to a documentary on the bizarre true story of a 67-year-old American who disguises himself as a woman to escape the law. Other highlights include a documentary



following a family engaged in a highly-publicised legal battle arguing for their 6 year old transgender daughter's right to use the girls' bathroom at school; 'which focuses on the eponymous drag queen, from the bullying faced in childhood, to her uncanny Cher impersonation; as well as UK short 'which depicts the inner

struggles of (AN ENTIRELY FICTIONAL) gay professional footballer. The festival is the perfect opportunity to catch the most groundbreaking and compelling independent cinema before it gets a wider release. There's also a chance to dabble in the future of cinema, with the introduction of the Virtual Reality Arcade, which will offer an immersive experience that has come on leaps and bounds in recent years. Plenty of opportunities for future bragging up for grabs, then.



For more info, go to raindance.org

THE PRIME OF MS DAVID HOYLE



David Hoyle is one of those unique performers that supersede description. We could try and throw a few adjectives at him, but it wouldn't really do his unpredictable act any justice. Instead, the only way you can get a true sense of the anarchic and intellectual charm that has been drawing in people for close to three decades, is to actually catch him live. And, well, aren't you in luck? 'The Prime of Ms David Hoyle' returns to the Chelsea Theatre for a brief run this September.

Inspired by the novel 'The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie', Hoyle takes on the role of a similarly eye-opening and inspiring head-teacher at an all-girls academy. Because everyone's got positive memories of school, right? She tackles the stifling of children's potential in drab British schools, as well as a variety of other issues, such as the oppression brought about by entrenched gender norms. Pay close attention, you may be tested afterwards.

Every night, she's joined by some of the biggest names in cabaret, including Christeene, Penny Arcade and Maria Carnesky, as well as the recent graduates from Carnesky Finishing School and Duckie Homosexualist Summer School, who will undoubtedly be treading the sticky stages of London's cabaret circuit for many years to come. So tuck in your shirt, spit out that gum and stick two fingers up to societal expectations, because David Hoyle's putting on another evening of inimitable performance, which will challenge and captivate you in equal measures.

'The Prime of Ms. David Hoyle' is at Chelsea Theatre (7 World's End Place, King's Road, SW10 0DR) between 14th and 25th September. Tickets are £8 for concessions and £12 for adults, and are available from www.chelseatheatre.org.uk

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new feature: THE QX PROPERTY PAGES. Right, I've just changed into a suit so shiny it looks like I've been laminated. Welcome to our new HQ. Come sit down on an overly large plush leather sofa and help yourself to a complimentary bottle of San Pell. Hop in our QX-branded Mini as we take you on a guided tour of the most EXCITING property opportunities that have sprung up in London this week.



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Quite simply, a location to *diiiiie* for, darling. Hidden away just off the King's Road, these new units are a Barbour jacket's throw from the Saatchi Gallery and Sloane Square. This historic building was home to a well-loved gay pub for over 60 years, though it has recently shut its doors. Following the on-trend brewery-chic movement, the re-development keeps many of the quirky features, from the signs on the exterior of the building, to part of the actual bar in the ground-floor flat, even the condom machine in one of the bathrooms!



5 Brewer St, W1F 0RF (Formerly The Shadow Lounge)

Located in the up and coming area of hustling, bustling Soho, these two and three bedroom apartments are sure to fly off the market. And unlike the name of the club that used to operate in the building, the large windows of the living area ensure its bathed in a sumptuous light. Not that anyone will be living in this prime investment piece, of course!

A large effort has been made to improve the surrounding area in order to clean up its previous reputation of decadence and debauchery. Proof of this can be seen by looking down from one of the elegant front-facing balconies to Brewer Street below; thankfully, Madame JoJo's remains shut since its closure in 2014. However, that is not to say that there's nothing to do in this lovely area. If you enjoy quick Italian food, you're in luck: there's not one, nor two, not even three, but TEN Pizza Express restaurants in the half-mile radius surrounding this development. They say man can't live off dough balls alone, but I'm not convinced!



77A Charterhouse Street, EC1M 6HJ (Formerly fabric)

You may have read in the news about the closure of the allegedly drug-fuelled den that used to operate in this unique, cavernous development. We can guarantee there'll be nothing of that sort happening here anymore! Instead, these splendid new studio and two bedroom apartments are the perfect place to relax, with the excellent sound-proofing installed by the previous owners ensuring you'll have the best sleep of your life! What's more, we've paid homage to its history by decking out the rooms with only the finest fabric. So, drop us a call and we'll arrange a viewing for the apartments in this imposing building, once home to the Metropolitan Cold Stores and a famous nightclub.

So, do any of those take your fancy? Do let us know if you want to put an offer in; you've got my card. We hope that the QX Property pages will be a regular feature. We will continue to cover future opportunities, whether they be in old theatres, railway arches or well-loved public houses. London's appetite for luxury flats shows no signs of abating; we'll be here to satisfy it.

If you don't laugh, you cry. Support London's gay venues by going this weekend and dancing until the sun comes up.





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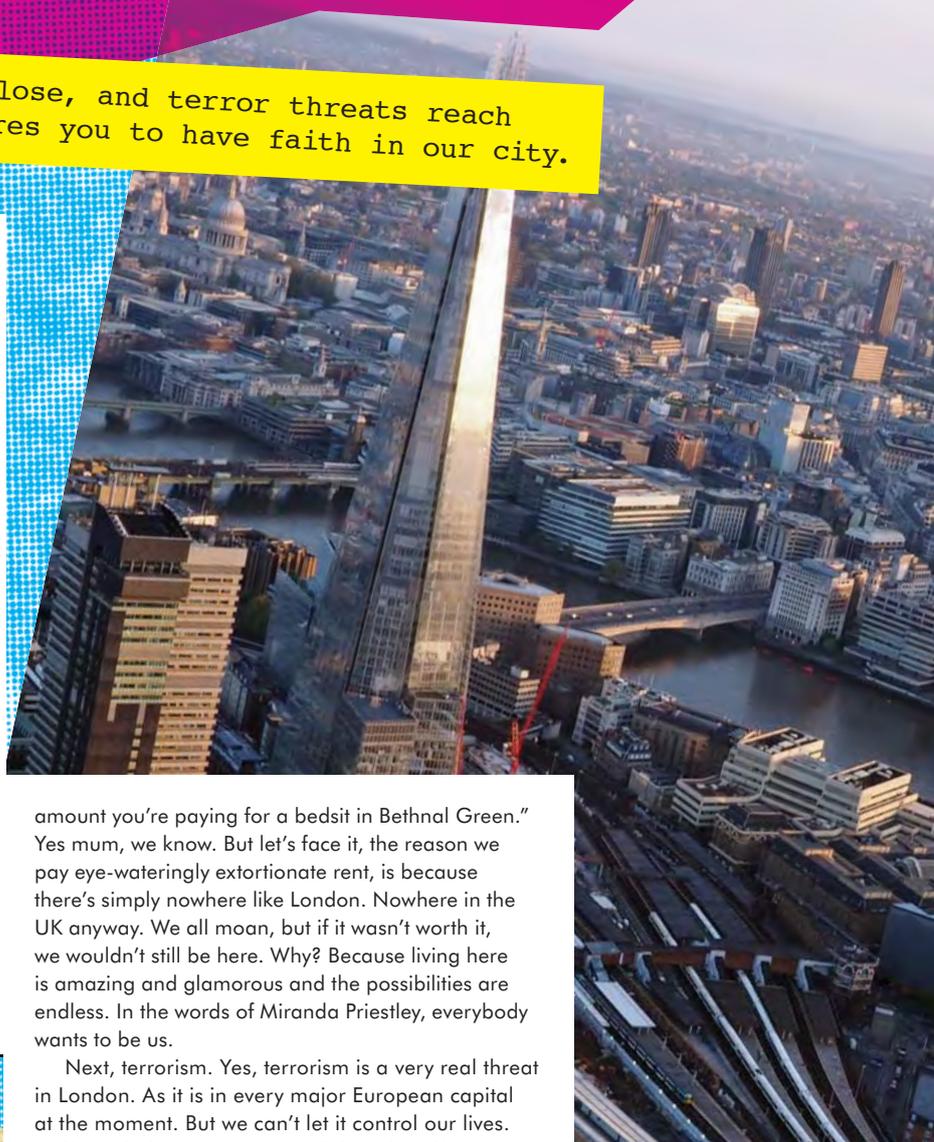
As Brexit looms, iconic venues close, and terror threats reach record levels, Dylan Jones implores you to have faith in our city.

Living in London is tough. It NEVER lets up. Think a Tuesday night trip to Tesco will be a chilled, salubrious shopping experience? No. Because the homeless man on the corner's gone into cardiac arrest, there's a 30's-themed swing night at the gastropub across the road, the frozen aisle's gone into meltdown, and the queue for the self service checkouts reaches out the door and down the road. Sirens blare and pint glasses smash as people dressed like Agatha Christie shove mini sausage rolls in their clutch bags.

This is a perfect example of the wild unpredictability of our city. It's like Lindsay Lohan. Very occasionally it'll have a moment of tranquillity or artistic integrity, but mostly it's just an illogical, drunken mess.

It's also a bit like The Hunger Games, especially for young LGBT millennials (yes, THAT word). It's easy to get disheartened by the constant stream of doom and gloom from mainstream news outlets. If the chemsex and pollution don't get you, the rent hikes and terrorists will. Or you might just get hit by a bus while you're playing Pokemon Go.

The fact is, the rent IS ridiculous. We've all had that anguished conversation with mum and dad on the phone haven't we. "But darling, couldn't you just live in Manchester? Manchester's great! Or Brighton! You know, me and your dad looked at prices in Norfolk, and you can rent a five bedroom cottage with the



amount you're paying for a bedsit in Bethnal Green." Yes mum, we know. But let's face it, the reason we pay eye-wateringly extortionate rent, is because there's simply nowhere like London. Nowhere in the UK anyway. We all moan, but if it wasn't worth it, we wouldn't still be here. Why? Because living here is amazing and glamorous and the possibilities are endless. In the words of Miranda Priestley, everybody wants to be us.

Next, terrorism. Yes, terrorism is a very real threat in London. As it is in every major European capital at the moment. But we can't let it control our lives. As I've said in almost every opinion piece I've ever written...WE'VE GOT OYSTER CARDS TO TOP UP! WE'VE GOT DRAG QUEENS TO GET DRUNK WITH! If we never leave the house or get the tube for fear of being blown up, the terrorists have won. So forget about it and get on with your life. In fact if anything, live life with even more adventure and spontaneity than before. That'll show 'em!

Another thing that seems to be disheartening people, especially on the gay scene, is the closing of venues. It goes hand-in-hand with the blindly capitalist, relentless monster that is gentrification. And those two stomach-plunging, drink-smashing, gig-obliterating, pub-closing words: LUXURY FLATS. Just some of the iconic venues to close over the last





few years are The Black Cap, The Joiners' Arms, The George & Dragon, Area, The Green Carnation and, just last week, The Shadow Lounge and internationally renowned superclub, Fabric. Most of them have been taken over by millionaire apartment moguls or worse, transformed into chains like Pret or Pizza Express. Many see this as a symbol for dark times ahead. The quashing of bohemian creativity to make way for the rise of faceless consumerism.

What people have forgotten though, is that the way has been paved for new and exciting venues and nightlife concepts. The Glory in Haggerston is a perfect example – a creative, unique venue, run by creative, unique people who care about their customers and are passionate about giving the city something new and truly enjoyable. It's living proof that London still has hope. No matter how many bulldozers get sent in, no matter how many city boys named Kev stumble into Shoreditch, no matter how many Foxtons Estate Agents get installed on high streets, we will always bounce back with innovation, imagination, and John Sizzle.

I've had some of my darkest times in London. Nail-biting two hour comedowns in STI clinic waiting rooms. Terrified 3am escapes from physically violent landlords. Collapsing in the snow outside East Bloc because I was too drunk. Getting trapped in a chicken shop in Camden when they rolled the metal blinds down while I was still inside. I could go on. Basically, it's a miracle I'm still alive with all my bodily functions.



But I've also had the best times of my life in London. I won't go into it, because it'd just turn into a monologue about how wonderful my life is, which let's face it, would make everyone hate me. We'll just leave it at this: it's been amazing. And continues to be amazing. At least once a week, something happens that's so ridiculous, exciting, unexpected, or all of the above, that it literally takes my breath away.

I've lived here for over six years, and every day, it still delivers. At risk of sounding like a breathy Sarah Jessica Parker voiceover – my dreams have come true in this city. Don't look at me like that. They have! When I was fourteen years old and had just recently come out as gay, I remember chatting to my parents about what I wanted to do with my life. I said my dream would be working at a gay magazine, surrounded by beautiful, artistic, open-minded people. That dream has been realised, down to the last shimmering hand-glued sequin. And I don't think I'll ever forget that.

So don't give up on London. Enjoy its wildness, its grittiness, its unadulterated, unapologetic insanity. Throw cautions to the wind, down a shot of tequila and hope for the best. Happy Hunger Games. May the odds be ever in your favour.



“Throw cautions to the wind, down a shot of tequila and hope for the best.”



By Fraulein
Sasha Selavie

Artsbitching



SAINTS OF THE SEWERS!

What is Soho? Still a sexy, scumbag central, or a dreary, gen-trified gloryhole? At best, it was dementedly debauched, before Yummy Dummies began sucking selfies from every picturesque brick, and I-phones, hirsute hipsters superglued themselves to touchscreens! Oh, we've lost so much, from blatantly criminal whores and routinely fatal excess, the essential sparks of any decent night out!

No wonder punk, arguably, exploded in Soho, but inexplicably, failed to deliver its fabulously vicious, anti-social promise. Fuck, what's a wimpy portrait of Ludicrous Queen Lizzy with a safety-pin stuck through her cheek compared to mass, Royal douche-bags slaughter? Sadly, public beheadings – oddly unpopular since Jolly Olly Cromwell – have been replaced by gormless Rylan clones sucking Kate Middleton's hugely talentless butt. Are we supposed to applaud some royal brood mare inflicting further parasitical sprogs on our cash-strapped and Brexit-fucked selves? Tragically, forty years after the Sex Pistols and their fake, prima-donna fury, Lizzy Windsor - England's benefit scrounger supreme – still creams millions from Joe Public!

The social prognosis wasn't always so dire. Remember, bohemianism and sexual outlaws need the delusion of maverick decadence to properly flourish, and Soho on the eve of punk -1974 - had that in spades. Screw Johnny Rotten – Bowiemanian and glam-rock infected every totally wired, wanked-out whore in town more tenaciously than Hepatitis C! Spare even a cursory glance at Piccadilly Circus' railings – the infamous 'Meat Rack' – and they'd be hung three-deep in hookers, male, female or surgically undecided. And no matter how biting the cold, how drenching the rain, they'd all be shatteringly high on the prospect of cash, the *ultimate* aphrodisiac!

The poor fuckers. Back then, there was no efficient, escort industry or Gaydar, so of course hard cash was the screaming, vital need for often terminally-addicted, junkie whores. Christ, do you think it's easy, pleasant or even interesting to suck some dumb-fuck punter's rancid cock for a living? Or worse - if marginally more profitable - to shag his often stinking, shit-crusted arse, or let him fuck yours, in the condom-free, conscience-free 1970s?

Still, 70s Soho wasn't all work and no play. The huge Piccadilly Circus Boots chemist filled junkies' heroin scripts 24/7, and innumerable, all-night seedy cafes catered for knackered prozzies between tricks and insomniac thieves. More glamorous still, Dean Street's Colony Club - only closed in 2008 – was an irresistible mecca for pharmaceutically-fried artists and grand, court-holding queens. You want sociological train-wrecks? Think Lucian Freud, Quentin Crisp and lairy leather-queen rentboys all sharing coke, champagne and purest, interpersonal bile!

But forget revisionist legends – the actual Colony was just one tiny,



Grayson Perry



Sebastian Horsley

puke-green upstairs room with a bar and drug-snowed pissoir, with everyone welcomed as 'Cunty'. Still, as a utopia of free expression regardless of gender, desire or class, the Colony was Soho personified, the perfect, peasant's piss on a Duke's party-hose!

Face it, what screaming, gay genius worth the name *didn't* instantly flock to Soho's sinfully intoxicating brew of sex, crime and unhinged creativity? Boy George, Marc Almond, Marilyn and, most infamously, Leigh Bowery, soon destined to spray paying punters with the contents of his enema bag!

Less shockingly visible – but arguably, as culturally resonant – was Grayson Perry, then, as now, a traffic-stopping vision of a psychedelic, adult Alice in Wonderland. But there's always a joker in every pack, and Soho drew a repellent, Thatcherite, faux-dandy – Sebastian Horsley. Sure, he tried (mild) crucifixion, got bugged by a Scottish gangster, and insatiably frequented female whores,

but who wouldn't, cushioned by daddy's millions? True eccentricity – like Quentin Crisp's – is an uncontrollable pathology, not the mild, quirky commodity modern Soho's become! Forget the public, gay shagging we anticipated in 1974 – the reality's scorched-earth banality, with hardly a deviant, ill-behaved penis in sight!

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They Daren't be Really Rude to Sandra.

This year, Sandra celebrates thirty-five years as a drag artist. From humble beginnings performing guest spots at The Black Cap, to residences up and down the UK, Sandra is an act that everyone knows or at least has heard of. Jason Reid had a long overdue chat with The Whore of Hampstead Heath this week...



How old were you when you first did drag?

I was a sweet and innocent 17 year old. It was shortly after I moved to London from Solihull in 1981.

Where was your first paid gig?

The Black Cap in Camden.

How did it go?

I was nervous because I'd never done it before. On top of that, it was very difficult being black and gay back in the '80's. My show did go down well though.

How underrepresented were black artists at that time?

There were hardly any around, sadly. When I started out there was a really talented queen called Simply Elegant, then Zsarday came after me. Zsarday and I performed at The Black Cap with Regina Fong.

Do you think black and ethnic minority artists are well represented today?

Yes, definitely. There's Asifa Lahore, Son Of a Tutu, Mzz Kimberley, and plenty up north too.

Who's your favourite new artist/act?

I like The Vixens, they remind me of myself when I was that age. LoUis CYfer is another of my faves.

If you could be another drag artist for a night, who would you be?

The D.E Experience, for his voice.

You're well known for your risqué humour. Is anything off limits?

No, I don't think so. It's all in the delivery. People take things the wrong way these days. If they find it controversial, they don't have to stay and watch, they can leave at any time. Comedy is about pushing the boundaries.

How would you react if someone did take offence?

I don't give a shit. You come to a show so you should know what to expect.

Describe your act in one word.

Vulgar.

What haven't you done that you'd like to do?

Work on the cruise ships.

La Voix works on the cruise ships.

Yeah, well she needs the work.

Meooooow! What's your favourite pass-time, apart from sucking cock?

I love walking around London, seeing all the different elements of the city, and also visiting places I've never been to.

Tell us something not many people know about Del, the man behind Sandra.

Even though I'm an extrovert I'm also very

shy and insecure. If I don't know somebody it takes me ages to get to know them. When I'm Sandra I can channel a side of me that I can't when I'm Del.

Which is more satisfying, the money or the audiences?

The audiences. Without a doubt.

Who's the most famous person you've had in your audience?

Marc Almond, Elton John, Stephen K. Amos; there's been loads over the years.

Do you ever get nervous before performing?

Always. People who say they don't get nervous are liars. I think it's important to have a certain degree of nerves to perform well. You need that adrenalin.

Do you watch RuPaul's Drag Race?

Now that we have Virgin at home I watch it on TruTV. Sharon Needles and Alaska Thunderfuck are my favourites. It's good that the show has brought drag into the mainstream again.

Lip-sync or live?

I started as a lip-sync artist and then evolved to live performance, so I'd have to say live.

Who's your celebrity crush?

Dan Snow.

Which drag artist would you date?

Dave Lynn.

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by Princess Julia



Sink The Pink

Is there ever a time when going out to meet friends, catch a show and then dance down a disco starts to lose its charm? Once upon a time, you might have been considered a bit long in the tooth to be jiggling around with people half your age, but nowadays I see generations coming together. It's not how old you are, it's how old you feel... or words to that effect!

This weekend we're heading to show-stopping evening **Virgin's Religious Xperience Xtravaganzah** on Friday 16th at the **Bethnal Green Working Men's Club**. Virgin opens her doors at 8.30 and presents a lineup of spectacular artists: **Katrina Darling** a neo-burlesque performer, **IMMA** who's

creative energy and presence on the scene is out of the ordinary, **Aysha** performing a wild west show, **Phil Ingud** a boylesque performer, **Lilly Snatchdragon** from The Family Fierce, and of course, **Virgin Xtravaganzah** herself, and, after all that, DJ music from **Tete Bang** until 2am.

Up at the **Dalston Superstore**, things have taken a turn with **Douche Bag Superstore** on Friday 16th. Join this lot of DJ's **Laurence Del Ray**, **Mikey XCX** and **Heidi Heelz** playing 'wonky pop' all night long upstairs and down from 9 till 3am.

Me, I love a night down the pub... and pubs are not what they used to be. **The Queen Adelaide** has

been using its downstairs space to create new experiences. On Friday 16th September, **Snap Crackle Pop present: Some Like It Hot**, where from 10pm onwards, they'll be playing a right old mixture of hits, accompanied by some live percussion till 3am!

And at **The Glory** this weekend there's all sorts going on, including star turns from all your faves, cocktails, basement action and sing-a-longs, hosted by **Jonny Woo** and **John Sizzle**...

It might be London Fashion Week this weekend and there's some great shows going on, but that won't be where you'll see the most outrageous outfits, I'm not kidding, because at the **Sink The Pink**:

Under The Sea ball at The Troxy on Saturday 17th, if you don't rock up in your dressiest fancy dress, you'll feel left out! Non-stop shows, dance routines, a walk-off with celeb judges (plus me), and special guest appearance, all on till 4am.

And if you've got any energy left, get yourselves down to a Sunday afternoon soiree **Panel Talk: North London Fashion** where I'm hosting conversation with designer and artist **David Holah** about style (one of my favourite subjects!) at the **Green Rooms Hotel**, 13 - 27 Station Road, in Wood Green, where I grew up! Talk at 3.30pm with a collective fashion show **The Wanderer** in the lobby. greenroomshotel.london for more info.

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WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER
CLUBS & EVENTS

XXL at Pulse: 1 Invicta Plaza, Southwark, SE1 9UF. 9pm-3am. £3 guests, Free for Members. Midweek grizzly fun for bears and their admirers.

Uncontrollable Urge at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free. Superstore's late-night midweek dose of sleaze! Eccentric electronica and weirdo-disco!

Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-3am. FREE. The party continues 'til late in the Ku basement.

BARS & CABARET

Nitrate Cinema at Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall SE11 5QY. 9pm - 2am. Free entry. Weekly cinema night showing some of the most interesting and provocative works of LGBT cinema.

Sing for Your Supper at The Glory: 281 Kingsland Road, Haggerston, E2 8AS. From 8pm. Weekly open mic music night. Free noodle vouchers for performers from sponsor Tonkotsu!

Wednesday Naughties at Central Station: 37 Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open 'til 4am. FREE b4 10pm. Cabaret then DJs 'til late, starring Sandra Circa: 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. Open 'til 1am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot with the most amazing DJ booth in town

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-11.30pm. Super social pub downstairs, chilled club lounge upstairs with guest pianist tinkling the ivories.

BackCounter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 5pm-late. The perfect way to start or end your night in Vauxhall.

The Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-11:30pm. Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails 5-8pm all week.

The Old Ship: 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. Quiz from 9.30pm. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse.

Two Brewers: 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. Bar open 4pm-2am. FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. Popular South London cabaret/club spot, with Martha D'Arthur

The Voice of The Village at The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG. 5pm-1am. Karaoke with the outrageous Robyn Banks from 9pm. Win a £50 bar tab.

West 5: Pope's Lane, South Ealing, W5 4NB. Open from 8pm. FREE. Ealing's hugely popular club, bar and cabaret spot.

Duckie DHSS at Royal Vauxhall Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY, from 7pm, free entry. Graduates from the highly esteemed Duckie Homosexualist Summer School perform. Catch future talents.

THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER
CLUBS & EVENTS

Goldsnap at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB. 9pm - 2:30am. Free. All-new girls' night with good vibes and good beats.

Lights On at Lightbox: 6A South Lambeth Place SW8 1SP, 10pm - 6am. Gonzalo and resident DJs on rotation at polysexual party

Hard-Up Thursdays at Sweatbox: 1-2 Ramilies Street, Soho, W1F

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Room Service at Club 49: 12-13 Greek Street, Soho, W1D 4DL. 10pm-3am. Back at its old location, scene queens host this fiercely social, sexy club spot. Demand hot gogo eye candy and edgy and upfront house.

Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-3am. FREE. The party continues 'til late in the Ku basement.

SYNTHIA at Eagle London at 349 Kennington Lane SE11 5QY. 9pm - 3am. Free entry. Thursday night party with synthetic sounds from DJ Wes Baggaley.

G-A-Y Porn Idol at G-A-Y Heaven: Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 10pm - 5am. Amateur strip night with £100 prize money, with guest judge Phi Phi O'Hara and the chance to meet n' greet in exchange of a donation. To enter email info@g-a-y.co.uk

Butch, Please! at The Royal Vauxhall Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. Doors 8pm, £5. A night for lesbians and their lovers, lechers and liggers.

BARS & CABARET

Cocktails & Dreams at West 5: Pope's Lane, South Ealing, W5 4NB. Open from 8pm. Drinks and dancing at Ealing's premier gay establishment!

New Bloomsbury Set: 76 Marchmont Street, WC1N 1AG. 4pm - 11:30pm. Gorgeous cocktail bar in the heart of Central London. Happy hour 4-8pm daily.

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old

Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-11.30pm. Super social pub downstairs, chilled club lounge upstairs. TONIGHT: Tasty Tim's Thursday Takeover from 8:30pm - big House classics all night!

Counter: Arch 50, 7-11 South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. Looking for a bargain lunch? Counter's Snappy Lunch is £10 for a main and a glass of wine or beer. NEW Spring menu available now.

Circa: 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1. 4pm-4am. Thursdays are the new Fridays at Soho's intimate bar/club spot with the most amazing DJ booth in town.

City of Quebec: 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF, 12pm-3am. The newly refurbished venerable institution of the gay scene rocks out some pop classics for an evening of fun.

G-A-Y Bar: 30 Old Compton Street. 12pm-2am. Free entry. Popular pop music bar with non-stop hits on the screens and a fun, flirty atmosphere.

Candy at The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 9pm-2am. A night full of all things sweet and tasty! With Heidi Liscious on the decks, joined by gorgeous gogos.

Backing The Stars at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Popular central London karaoke fun with Kevin Walsh. Showtime at 8pm.

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**FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER
 CLUBS & EVENTS**

Le Cock at East Bloc: 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 11pm-6am. £5 b4 midnight, £10 after. House, disco, pop and Italo mash-up with Martyn Fitzgerald and Tafkanik
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Klub Nite at BJs White Swan: 556 Commercial Road, E14 7JD. 8pm - 5am. Friday night clubbing with DJ Aaran Bader.
Douche Bag at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB. 9pm-3am. Free before 11pm, £5 after. An ultra-alternative night of faggy synths and trashy guitars, all from the decks of Mikey XCX and Laurence Del Rey.
Beefmince at The Royal Vauxhall Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 10pm - 4am. Tickets £7/£5. Meaty Monthly Beefmince hits RVT for another night of big, beefy beats, courtesy of resident DJs and guest, Mikalis
Men Inc. Brazil at Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 6pm - 4am. £5 after 10pm, members free before midnight. DJs Severino and CJ Cooper bring the beats, the free Italian BBQ brings the eats.
Dollar Baby at Metropolis: Strip Club, 235 Cambridge Heath Road, E2 9NN. 10pm-5am. £5 before midnight. A brand new

clubbing experience from nightlife queen Jodie Harsh!
Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 8pm-3am. FREE b4 10:30pm, £5 after. Pop perfection and hot floor fillers as Ku's hot 3 spin the tunes in its downstairs basement club spot.
BANG at Rolling Stock, 48 Kingsland Road, E2 8DN, 10- late £15 OTD BANG are back and are bringing major looks for their Fashion Week Party. Expect big beats from Louis Chatten, Matt Bogard, and Zach Burns.
G-A-Y Camp Attack at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 10pm - 5am As well as a pop playlist to get you strutting, a sponsored sing-a-long in the Departure Lounge to raise money for Dean Eastmond's cancer treatment

BARS & CABARET

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-midnight. Super social pub downstairs, chilled club lounge upstairs with DJ Matt Bogard from 9pm.
The Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-12am. Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails 5-8pm all week.
New Bloomsbury Set: 76 Marchmont Street, WC1N 1AG. 4pm-11:30pm. Gorgeous cocktail bar in the heart of London. Happy hour 4-8pm daily.
Bridge Bar: 8 Voltaire Road, SW8 6DH, 4pm-12am. Free. Snug gay bar in a railway arch, offering cocktails, wines and light meals, plus outdoor seating.
Friday Night Fever at BackCounter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 5pm - 1am, free entry. Happy hour from 5-8pm. Vauxhall's popular Friday Night Fever at BackCOUNTER - a live set with DJ Chillz 8pm-1am.
Old Ship: 17 Barnes Street, Lime-

house, E14 7NW. 8pm-12am. Free. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse.
Karaoke at Central Station: 37 Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open from 6pm til 3am or later... FREE The super-friendly Kings Cross bar. DJs 'til late. Hosted by DJ Chris Reardon
Circa: 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. 4pm-4am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot watches Munroe Bergdorf and friends wreq the floor!
City of Quebec: 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. 12pm-3am. The newly refurbished venerable institution of the gay scene rocks out some pop classics for an evening of fun.
George and Dragon: 2 Blackheath Hill, SE10. 8pm-4am, free entry before 11pm. The friendly Greenwich local. TONIGHT: Baga Chipz and DJ Grant
Friday Night Live at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. From 9pm. Tickets from £10. With DJ Little John & Sandra.
Ku Bar Soho: 25 Frith Street, WC1D 5LB. Open till midnight. In the heart of Soho, Ku Bar stretches across two floors for that perfect Soho warm-up drinking session and a little dance with downstairs DJs.
West 5: South Ealing, Pope's Lane, W5 4NB. Open from 8pm, FREE. The popular West London club, bar and cabaret spot.
BackCounter: Arch 50, South Lambeth Place, SW8 1SP. Happy hour 5-8pm. Vauxhall's popular Friday Night Fever at BackCOUNTER with a live set from DJ Chillz.
The Yard: 57 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 7PL. Open till 1am. FREE. Renowned as one of Soho's most unique and popular destination venues, with terrific outdoor space.
Kazbar: 50 Clapham High Street,

SW4 7UL, 9pm-1.30am, DJ Brent Nichols is having a 90s disco party!
Two Brewers: 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. Bar open 6pm-2am. FREE b4 10pm, £7 after Popular South London cabaret/club spot. TONIGHT: The Fabulettes

**SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
 CLUBS & EVENTS**

XXL at Pulse: 1 Invicta Plaza, Southwark, SE1 9UF. 10pm-7am. £15 guests, £8 members. A super-furry, super-charged club night for bears and their friends.
Papa Army of Love/ Beyond/ Dirty Disko at Fire South Lambeth Road, London, SW8 1RT, 11pm- superlate 3 parties combined to create a colossal night, with more DJs than you can shake your stick at!
High Hoops at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm - 4am. Free b4 10pm, £7 after. Dalston debutantes High Hoops bring their brand of house/disco/techno carnage down from Manchester for the night
Blocheads at East Bloc: 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 10pm - 6am. £5 before 12am, £10 after. £5 after 4am. East Bloc's weekly Saturday with Martyn Fitzgerald, Guy Williams and Stevie B
Mr Eagle 2016 at Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm - 4am. Free until 10pm, £6 after. A decade on, the annual search for the hottest Eagle punter. Oh, a £1000 Cash prize as well.
Cybil's House at BJs White Swan: 556 Commercial Road, E14 7JD. 8pm - 5am. Cybil's totally toxic party, with Vivien Mobile Disco and Jacob Aria bringing a eclectic pop backdrop and performances throughout
Duckie at The Royal Vauxhall Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 9pm-2am. £6. Duckie's

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Savage at Metropolis: Strip Club, 235 Cambridge Heath Road, E2 9NN. 11pm-5am. £5. Weekly Saturday club night from the Sink The Pink crew.

G-A-Y Glitter Ball at Heaven: Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 10pm - 5am. £5 entry wristbands available from G-A-Y Bar, Free entry with wristband. Hefty hits and huge acts at the palace of pop, raising money for Dean Eastmond's cancer treatment

Sweatbox: Foam Party at 1-2 Ramillies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. 24hr pass £17, 48hr pass £19. Unwind and release some tension after a stressy week with the all the fun of the foam at Sweatbox's original weekly party.

Debbie at Shacklewell Arms: 71 Shacklewell Lane, E8 2EB, 11pm-3am £5 all night, DJs Sina Sparrow and Bitchcakes play female-fronted pop and rock tunes all night, from Bjork to Blondie, Gossip to Girls Aloud.

Exilio's 20th Birthday Party at Exilio, 23 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 4RR London's longest running Latino LGBT clubco celebrates its 20th birthday with a Great Gatsby themed party, with DJs, bands and champagne!

BARS & CABARET

Ku Bar Lisle Street: Chinatown, WC2H 7BA. 6pm-3am. One of London's hottest gay bars and clubs.

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 5pm-midnight. The grand dame of Soho pulling in a more blokey crowd. TONIGHT: Lee Harris from 9pm.

Counter: Arch 50, 7-11 South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. Vauxhall's fabulous ALL DAY weekend bottomless brunch. For just £25, select two plates from a tempting three-course menu of delicious and creative dishes and let the prosecco and Bellinis flow freely for 90 minutes.

New Bloomsbury Set: 76 Marchmont Street, WC1N 1AG. 4pm-11:30pm. Gorgeous cocktail bar in the heart of Central London. Happy hour 4-8pm daily.

Bridge Bar: 8 Voltaire Road, SW8 6DH, 4pm-12am. Free. Snug gay bar in a railway arch, offering cocktails, wines and light meals, plus outdoor seating.

Central Station: 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open 'til 4am. FREE b4 10pm. Vicky Vavacious to make you laugh, then DJ Chris Reardon 'til late to make you dance. Easy.

Old Ship: 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. 8pm-12am. Free. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse.

Circa: 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. 4pm-4am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot watches Munroe Bergdorf and friends werq the floor!

City of Quebec: 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. 12pm-3am. The newly refurbished venerable institution of the gay scene rocks out some pop classics for an evening of fun.

G-A-Y Bar: 30 Old Compton Street. 12pm-2am. Free entry. Popular pop music bar with non-stop hits on the screens and a fun, flirty atmosphere.

George and Dragon: 2 Blackheath Hill, SE10. 8pm-4am, free entry before 11pm. The friendly Greenwich local. TONIGHT: Miss Jason and DJ Sparks

Rose Garden's Swap Shop/Lipsync Saturday at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon St, WC2N 4JF. Open 'til 3am. Rose Garden and DJ Little John from 4pm. Showtime at 5pm. Followed by **Xanadu** from 8pm, the Camp Disco.

Ku Bar Soho: 25 Frith Street, WC1D 5LB. Open till 12am (3am last Friday of the month). Perfect for that Soho warm-up drinking session and cheeky dance with downstairs DJs.

The Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-12am.

Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails 5-8pm all week.

Two Brewers: 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 10pm-4am. Free b4 10, £8 after. Cabaret and clubbing 'til late at the famous venue, with La Voix

House Party at The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 9pm-3am. Snap crackling pop upstairs with Heidi Liscious & Robyn Banks, plus chunked up deep tech club vibes in the basement.

The Yard: 57 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 7PL. Midday 'til Late. FREE. Renowned as one of Soho's most unique and popular destination venues, with terrific outdoor space.

Kazbar: 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL, 5pm-1.30am Turn back time with DJ Diode and Glendora, as they host their 80s and 90s party. Happy hour between 5pm-9pm.

SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

Horse Meat Disco at Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 8pm - 3am. £6. Unbridled Sunday night fun! Disco delights and handsome stallions abound. With special guests Kim Anh and Vula.

Last Resort at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB. 9pm- 2.30am. Queer disco paradise for those still clinging onto the weekend

Sunday Social at The Vauxhall Tavern: Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. 3pm - 12am. £4 members/£5. Weekly Sunday fun at The Vauxhall Tavern, with cabaret and DJs on rota-

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BARS & CABARET

3 Of A Kind at BJs White Swan: 556 Commercial Road, E14 7JD. 3pm - 2am. Free entry. New Sunday cabaret fun at The Swan.

New Bloomsbury Set: 76 Marchmont Street, WC1N 1AG. 4pm - 11:30pm. Gorgeous cocktail bar in the heart of central London. Happy hour 4pm - 8pm daily.

Counter: Arch 50, 7-11 South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. Bottomless brunch, lunch, dinner or cocktails - the weekend continues.

Victoria Sponge Presents! at Central Station: 37 Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open 'til 4am. FREE b4 10pm. Spongy Sunday fun from Victoria Sponge!

A Feckin' Céili at The Glory: 281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS. Doors 5pm. Free entry. The Glory are having Irish celebrations! Why? Why not! With Rudi Douglas, Jonny Woo, and a host of London's queer Irish performers.

Circa: 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. 4pm-4am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot with the most amazing DJ booth in town.

Counter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. Vauxhall's fabulous ALL DAY weekend bottomless brunch. For just £25 select two plates from a tempting three-course menu of delicious and creative dishes and let the

Bellinis or Prosecco flow freely for 90 minutes.

George and Dragon: 2 Blackheath Hill, SE10. 8pm-2am. FREE. The friendly Greenwich local, with Crystal D'Canter and Tanya Hide, also Ian Parker tickling the ivories.

CK Sunday at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Open 'til 11pm. Another award winning Sunday at Halfway to Heaven!

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. Open 'til 10:30pm. The grand dame of Soho pulling in a more blokey crowd.

Old Ship: 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. 8pm-12am. Cabarets 8pm. Free. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse, with Cassidy Connors

Power of Three at Two Brewers: 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 5pm-2am. FREE b4 8pm, £4 after. South London's legendary club, bar and cabaret spot with Miss Jason, La Voix & Sandra.

West 5 South Ealing, Pope's Lane, W5 4NB. From 8pm The popular West London club, bar and cabaret spot, with added Piano Lounge fun.

MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

Popcorn at G-A-Y Heaven: Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 11pm-5.30am. £5 b4 1am, £8 after, Last admission 3:30am. FREE with wristbands from G-A-Y Bar b4 1 am. Massive mixed mash-up with four rooms of top sounds, from upfront, progressive house to chart hits, via R&B tuneage.

Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, SE11 5QY. 6pm - 2am. Free entry. All new Eagle lounge bar! With dancing and drinks offers.

Hard-Up Mondays at Sweatbox: 1-2 Ramilies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. Under 25s FREE all day, £16 others. Finding Mondays hard to handle? Relieve the pressure with this discounted day for under 25s (ID required) at Soho's only gay sauna.

Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 6pm-3am. FREE. DJs play the weekend out on a wave of hot pop.

The Big Bingo Show at Vauxhall Tavern: Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. 7pm - 12am. Free. Mad bingo with Timberlina!

BARS & CABARET

Counter: Arch 50, 7-11 South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. Brunch in Vauxhall gets even better! This Bank Holiday Monday get 2 brunch courses and bottomless bellinis for £25. Served from 11am-5pm.

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-11.30pm. Bar £2.50 from 5pm, with happy hour prices on selected drinks. DJ Alex Eugenio from 8:30pm.

Backing The Stars at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon St. WC2. 7.30pm. Karaoke with singer Kevin Walsh on hosting duties.

The Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-11:30pm. Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails 5-8pm all week.

The Old Ship: 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse.

Karaoke at Central Station, 37 Wharfedale Road, King's Cross, N1 9SD, 8pm onwards, free entry, Come holler along to a classic at King's Cross stalwart Central Station

TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

Bar Wotever at The Vauxhall Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. From 7pm, show at 8:30pm. £5. Gender-bending cabaret, live music and performance at the monumental Vauxhall Tavern.

Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-3am. FREE. The party continues 'til late in the Ku basement.

Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, SE11 5QY. 6pm - 2am. Free entry. All new Eagle lounge bar! With dancing and drinks offers.

BARS & CABARET

Circa: 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. Open 'til 1am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot with the most amazing DJ booth in town.

See you Next Tuesday at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. From 9pm. See you next Tuesday with Bette Rinse and DJ LittleJohn

Bridge Bar: 8 Voltaire Road, SW8 6DH, 4pm-12am. Free. Snug gay bar in a railway arch, offering cocktails, wines and light meals, plus outdoor seating. TONIGHT: Quiz night, try to win a £60 bar tab if you've got the smarts!

The Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-11:30pm. Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails all night.

Quiz Night at The Old Ship: 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. 9.30pm. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse.

Karaoke at Two Brewers: 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. Bar open 4pm-2am. FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. Popular South London cabaret/club spot.

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Entry is £15 for members and £20 for guests. Hard On is at The Hoist, 47B-47C South Lambeth Road, SW8 1SR. www.hardonclub.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

The Backstreet: Buff at Wentworth Mews, London E3 4UA. 7pm-11pm, £9 members/£10 guests (free drink/coat check). Horny, naked cruise party.

The Hoist: NBN at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. 7pm-midnight, boots or trainers with jocks, shorts or underwear.

The Underground Club: Hard Cruz at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. 110pm – 1am, Free entry. Men only hard-up cruise night where you can get it on!

Vault: Cruise/Underwear at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. **Cruise**, 1pm-7pm, £8. Followed by **Underwear**, 7pm-1am, £8, free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Get down to your underwear.

THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

The Hoist: SM Gays at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. 8pm-midnight. No dress code for SM Gays, every third Thursday of the month.

Teds Place: TV/TS Party Night at 305a North End Road, W14 9NS. 7pm-2am. £5. A horny night in the cruisey basement club in West London.

The Underground Club: Pants/Spantz/Come To Daddy at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. **Pants**, 12pm-6pm, £4 or £2 b4 2pm, underwear fun. **Spantz**, 6pm-10pm, £25 b4 7pm & £7 after, CP night for rougher, tougher play. **Come To Daddy**, 10pm-2am, £5, for bears, daddies, big boys, chubs and chasers. **Vault: Cruise/Stripped** at 139b-

143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. **Cruise**, 1-7pm, £8. Followed by **Stripped**, 7pm-1am, £8. Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Get nude and rude. Strictly naked, except footwear.

FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

HARDER/Gummi/H-Partyboys at **The Hoist** Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH.

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The Underground Club: Pants/Feet On Friday at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. **Pants**, 12pm-6pm,

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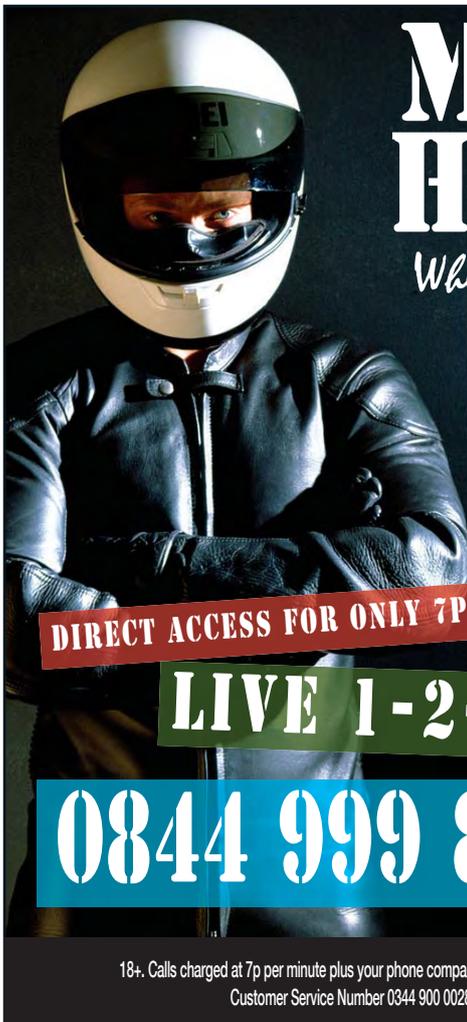
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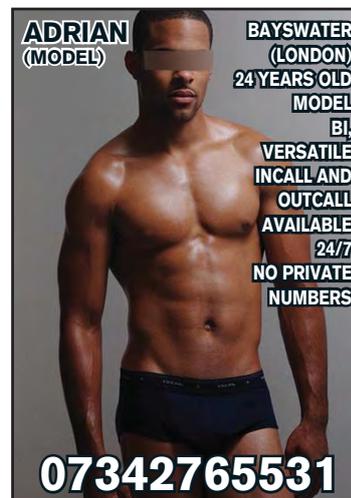
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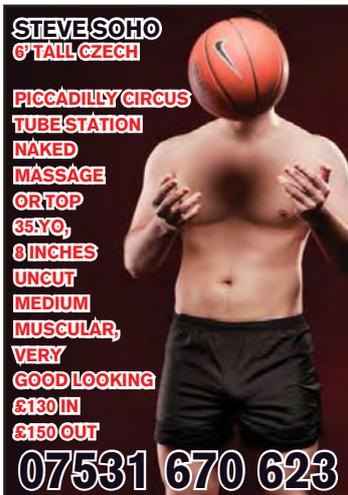


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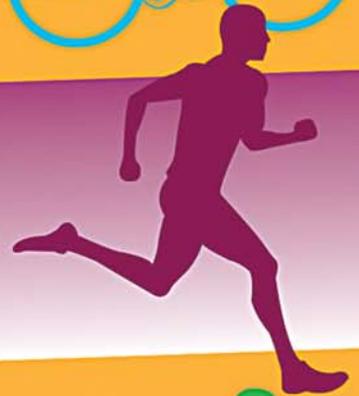
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